

sea dragon

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Hallucinogenia

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mantis shrimp

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peacock mansti shrimp

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Nudibranch - Hypselodoris apolegma

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nudibranch 2

Jan (Arny) Messersmith flickr cc2

goose barnacle

John Turnbull flickr cc2

Valois tapestry 1576

(Cleveland Museum of Art)

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hippogriff

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griffin

Konrad Lykosthenes 1557

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Taming the Tarasque, from Hours of Henry VIII , in Latin (detail), c. 1500. Illuminated by Jean Poyer (French, active 1465-1503). Ink, tempera, and gold on vellum; 25.6 x 18 cm (10 1/16 x 7 1/16 in.). The Morgan Library & Museum

Siren, from Les Abus du Monde (The Abuses of the World), c. 1510. Pierre Gringore (French, c. 1475-1538). France, Rouen. Ink, tempera, and gold on vellum; 20 x 13 cm (7 13/16 x 5 1/16 in.). The Morgan Library & Museum

Livre des merveilles du monde (Book of Marvels of the World) in French c. 1460. Illuminated by the Master of the Geneva Boccaccio (French, active 1440–80). France, Angers(?). Ink and tempera on vellum. The Morgan Library & Museum

A Latin book of hours Illuminated by French artist Robinet Testard around 1475 illustrates sins by showing anger as a man riding a leopard while stabbing himself and taking a bite out of his heart while a demon urges him on. Credit: The Morgan Library & Museum

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Michael Kutsche:

hornbill roadrunner

not-chipmunk

horned beast -- aloewb (Imgur)

ili-pika -- © Li Weidong

*Nyctimene wrightae* -- Piotr Naskrecki/Courtesy of Conservation International

cassowary -- Guinness World Records

*Ogcocephalus darwini* -- @eltonmok

*Glaucus atlanticus* -- tangatawhenua

Museum Wormianum recreated --(photograph by Jens Astrup)

giant squid -- t: Tsunemi Kubodera of the National Museum of Nature and Science of Japan/AP